

**United States District Court**  
**District of Maryland**

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Re: *Fluxo-Cane Overseas, Ltd v. E.D.&F. Man Sugar, Inc.*  
Civil No. WDQ 08-356

Dear Counsel:

A pretrial conference has been scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Chambers. A trial date will be set at the conference, please bring your calendars with you.

The pretrial order shall be submitted five days before the pretrial conference is held. Counsel shall comply with Local Rule 106, as to submission and contents of the pretrial order.

At the pretrial conference I will ask you whether a settlement conference or other ADR conference with a judicial officer would be useful, and whether all parties would consent to trial (jury or non-jury) before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. Please confer with your client about these matters before the conference so that you are in a position to respond.

Very truly yours,

/s/

William D. Quarles, Jr.  
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